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1. Up to mid-June 1951, officers, NCOs and officer candidate school personnel of the Hungarian Army wore branch-of-service insignia on the collar patches. [REDACTED] was not sure which categories of the EM also wore branch-of-service insignia. No general regulations on this subject were issued, [REDACTED] 25X1C. For example, drivers, including NCOs, wore the branch-of service insignia of the motor transport troops, a winged wheel.

2. The troops of the individual branches of service wore the following service colors and insignia: infantry green and two crossed rifles; motorized infantry blue and two crossed rifles; paratroopers green with white piping and unidentified insignia; artillery red and three balls topped with two crossed gun barrels; AAA red with white piping and three balls topped with two crossed gun barrels; tank troops blue and tank insignia; SP artillery blue and tank insignia; signal troops dark-blue and lightning cluster insignia; engineers dark-green and anchor-with-cable insignia; motor transport troops brown and winged-wheel insignia; horse-drawn transport troops light-brown and spoked-wheel insignia; air force blue with white piping and two crossed propellers; supply services bordeaux and insignia consisting of a stalk of wheat, a hammer and a wheel; medical services black velvet and, for medical officers, an embossed gold button; army officials gray and, for sport officers, an embossed gold button; technical officers and motor maintenance NCOs vermillion and insignia of the respective branch of service; and river guard troops dark-blue or black with white piping and unidentified insignia.

3. During the 1 May Review 1951 in Budapest, the new rank insignia for officers, which were introduced in May 1951, were observed for the first time. Junior lieutenants wore one star, lieutenants two, senior lieutenants three and captains four stars. The arrangement of the stars on the epaulets was consistent with that of the Soviet Armed Forces. *

4. New uniforms were issued to the EM of units of the artillery regiment from Dombavar (Y 1'B 16) in the May Review 1951. They were turned in after the parade. The uniform consisted of a Soviet-type steel helmet, a blouse referred to as "Gimnatorka", a pair of trousers tucked into the boots, and a pair of boots. The grayish-green linen blouse opened half-way down the front and had three buttons. The turn-down collar was worn closed. Patches worn on the collar indicated branch of service. Epaulets and trousers were made of the same material as the blouse. The blouse, worn outside the trousers, differed from the Soviet summer blouse, which has a low stand-up collar,

only by the turn-down collar. During the review, officers wore old-style uniforms.

5. Motorized paratroopers participating in the review wore white air force caps and white linen overalls. The officers wore khaki uniforms. The tank troops taking part in the parade wore dark-blue blouses, dark-blue trousers with black high boots and black crash helmets, and light-blue service color. River guard troops wore dark-blue sailor's blouses and black trousers tucked into low-legged boots.

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Comment. Previous [REDACTED] Hungarian Army branch-of-service insignia are substantiated by the present [REDACTED]. 25X1A

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